

North Carolina's Low Income Energy Assistance Program

Davidson County Department of Social Services Director, Dale Moorefield, announced that applications will be accepted for North Carolina's Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) beginning December 1st, 2014 through March 31st, 2015 or until funds are exhausted. For eligible applicants, this program provides a one-time cash payment to help pay for heating-related costs.

Highlights of the program include:

- No automatic eligibility. Anyone interested in receiving LIEAP assistance must make an application.
- Applications taken based on priority. Identified priority groups are households in which someone in the home is aged 60 or above OR households with at least one disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability AND receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS). NOTE: Only these households will be served from December 1st, 2014 through December 31st, 2014. All other households may apply beginning January 2nd, 2015.
- Payments are made directly to vendors. No check will be mailed directly to the applicant or household member. Payments are \$200, \$300, or \$400 based on household size, income, and heating source.

Applicants will need the following information in order to apply:

- all household income information for the month *prior* to the month of application (wages, tips, UIB, child support, etc);
- information about the household's savings accounts or checking accounts;
- information about the household's property, stocks, bonds, and other assets;
- name, date of birth, and social security numbers for each household member;
- vendor information (i.e. utility statement with the account number or name of the oil/gas company to be used)

Any elderly or disabled person who wishes to apply may send a representative to the agency to apply for them. A note will be needed for the representative to act on someone else's behalf. Households will meet income eligibility if the total countable income for the household is equal to or less than 130% of the current poverty level at the time of application. Monthly income eligibility for a household of 1 is \$1,265; household of 2 is \$1,705; household of 3 is \$2,144; household of 4 is \$2,584.

Application Location:

DSS – Lexington Office, 2nd floor, 913 Greensboro Street in Lexington
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

DSS – Thomasville Office, 2nd floor, 211 W. Colonial Drive in Thomasville
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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